

TALES OF TRASH!

Rutherford County is in the planning stages of a high-tech landfill that should last for 40 years, longer with everyone recycling.

At the current time we have only a construction and demolition landfill. The balance of our waste is trucked at great cost to a landfill with a limited capacity.

Dealing with the waste from our expensive lifestyle is an equally expensive operation:

- We now spend \$1.5 million annually to truck solid waste... PLUS the cost of the roads.
- A lined landfill costs \$200,000 per acre. Every item we recycle means it will last longer and cost less.
- Only 13% of Rutherford County citizens currently recycle. If we all recycle the new landfill could last for 63 years or more.

GET INVOLVED !

- Encourage friends, associates and businesses to recycle, and to use AND BUY recycled goods.
- Participate in or start a voluntary recycling program with your school, church, or community.
- Trash matters. Volunteer.
- Join SWEEP - contact the Solid Waste Department at 287-6125.

REDUCE !

- Share subscriptions.
- Take your own mug / water bottle.
- Buy in bulk, store in reusable containers.
- Use cloth napkins and towels.
- Use "real" dishes instead of throw-aways.
- Car-pool and plan trips.

REUSE !

- Newspaper & phone books - clean windows, line litter boxes, mulch, use like free "paper towels."
- Reuse glass bottles & jars to store bulk spices, cereal, flour, & grains.
- Reuse non #1 & 2 plastic containers for supplies and hardware, etc.
- Donate old clothing and appliances to thrift stores.
- Books and magazines can be taken to all Rutherford County public libraries.
- Take styrofoam peanuts and shredded paper to mailing services.
- Swap, trade, & barter.

IN THE GARDEN

- Cardboard - organic mulch (cover with grass clippings), reuse boxes.
- Egg shells & 2" pieces of paper tubes will keep cutworms and slugs away.
- Cover young plants with milk and water jugs. (Cut off bottom, remove cap and remove if over 90°.)

RECYCLE !

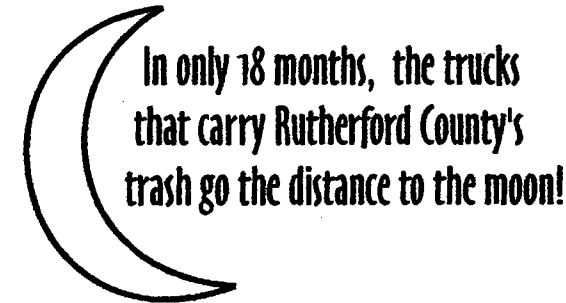
Use the County's Recycling Program. Convenience Centers are designed to help. A little bit of effort can save a lot of money... YOUR money!

The 6% we now recycle *

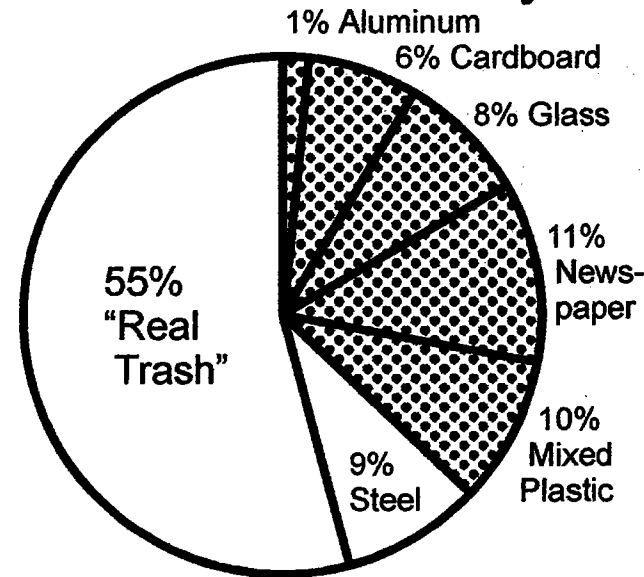
Solid Waste		Money
<div> <div>\$100 fee →</div> <div>Could be \$66 → if we recycled everything</div> </div>	Recyclables	Landfill per year
	Solid Waste to Landfill	Handling
		\$502,000
		\$402,500

Recycling Makes Sense Financially & Environmentally

The County's partner, GDS, Inc. processes ALL recycled items from the Convenience Centers, towns, industries, businesses, and individuals.



All the Solid Waste in Rutherford County:



36% of our Solid Waste can be recycled at GDS!



Every One
in
Rutherford
County
PROFITS when they



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REUSE
RECYCLE!

RECYCLING IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY

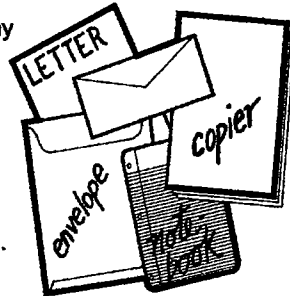
PAPER

Newspapers (& inserts) to Convenience Centers
NO "slick" MAGAZINES OR CATALOGS

We make
22 TONS of
paper "trash"
every day!



White Office Paper may
be taken to the GDS
Recycling Center on
Fairground Road.



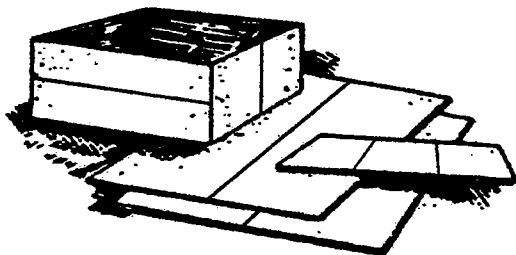
But first
Reuse it yourself!

- Use scraps for notes.
- Reuse envelopes.
- Use both sides.

CARDBOARD

Corrugated Boxes
FLATTEN to save space
ALL SIZES

We make 4.3 TONS
of cardboard "trash"
every day!



REMOVE PLASTIC TAPE, STYROFOAM,
PLASTIC AND BIG STAPLES if possible.

PLASTIC

EMPTY Milk jugs, drink bottles, and
many household containers.

FLATTEN to save space
TYPES (symbol on bottom)
DISPOSE OF CAPS & RINSE



Every day we make 7.1 TONS
of "1" and "2" plastic recycleables!



Please drain motor oil bottles thoroughly!

ALUMINUM

ALUMINUM CANS MUST BE
RECYCLED -- BY NC LAW!

RINSE
FLATTEN to save space
NO FOIL

1400 pounds
per day!



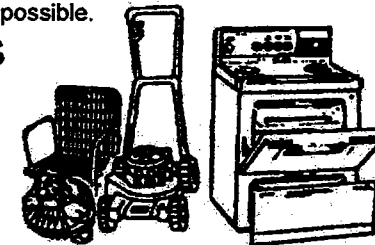
SCRAP (lawn furniture, window & door
frames, cast aluminum) IN METALS BIN.

STEEL

ANYTHING MADE OF METAL:
appliances, buildings, lawn mowers, etc.
Remove non-metal portions
as much as possible.

4.3 TONS
per day!

NO
FUEL
TANKS!



OTHER

Convenience Centers:

Vehicle batteries
Used motor oil

Landfill only:

Tires & Antifreeze
Construction & Demolition
Yard waste

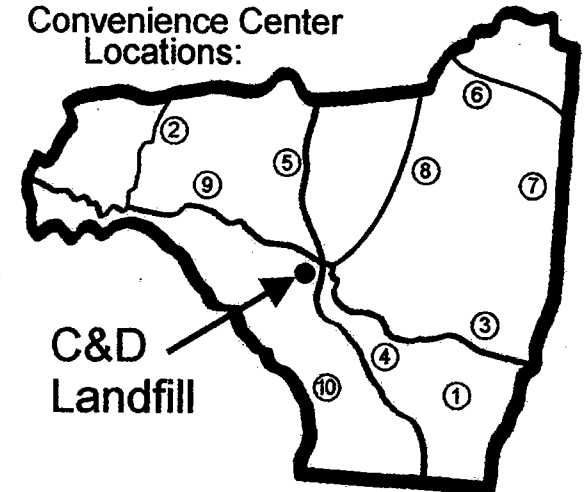
PLEASE try and deal with kitchen and
yard waste individually. For HELP
with composting and all of the three R's
call Cooperative Extension at 287-6010.

Municipal Pick-ups:

These towns provide curbside recycling
service for newspapers, any plastic that is
#1 or 2, glass containers, aluminum cans,
and corrugated cardboard.

Ellenboro	453-8611
Forest City	245-0149
Bostic (Call Saturday)	245-5180
Lake Lure	625-9983
Rutherfordton	287-5961
Ruth	287-7943
Spindale	286-2206

Convenience Center
Locations:



Convenience Centers:

1. Avondale	657-6952
2. Bill's Creek	625-8516
3. Colfax .. (Ellenboro)	248-1268
4. Daniel town	245-6524
5. Gilkey	286-8829
6. Golden Valley	245-1328
7. Hollis	453-1021
8. Pea Ridge	287-1358
9. Rainbow Rapids .. (Greenhill) ..	286-8458
10. Shiloh	245-6108

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